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SYNOPSIS:

REFERENCE: Report of SA CHESTER C. ORTON, 4/3/64 at Los Angeles.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Two copies of this report have been designated for the Los Angeles Office in the event the office of origin may desire to have Miss RITA NAMAN interviewed again on the basis of Mrs. MARIE HYDE's recollection that Miss NAMAN did talk with both "young American men" as shown in the pictures of Mrs. KRAMER and Mrs. HYDE. Consideration may be given by the office of origin to the receiving of enlargements of Mrs. HYDE's picture from the FBI Laboratory to assist in refreshing the recollection of Miss RITA NAMAN. Mrs. HYDE is certain that there was discussion between Miss NAMAN and both young men.

Mrs. HYDE has traveled extensively and was very cooperative. In spite of her age (74 years) she had a keen recollection of events in Minsk, Russia.

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A check of Seattle indices reflects no information under the name of MARIE LORETTA HYDE or Mrs. LORING HYDE.

The color transparency obtained from Mrs. MARIE HYDE, 401 East Front Street, Port Angeles, Washington, is being forwarded under separate cover to the FBI Laboratory so that copies can be made. This meets with the approval of Mrs. HYDE. The original must be returned to the Seattle Office for delivery to Mrs. HYDE.

This report is being classified "SECRET" as the CIA letter which enclosed "Attachment A" was classified "SECRET"

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SEATTLE OFFICE
At Port Angeles, Washington

Will return the color transparency to Mrs. MARIE L. HYDE, 401 East Front Street, after it is used by the FBI Laboratory.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of
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SA GEORGE L. LEWIS
April 13, 1964

Office Seattle, Washington

Field Office File No.

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Bureau File No. 105-82555

Title

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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Synopsis

Mrs. MARIE LORETTA HYDE, Port Angeles, Washington, visited Minsk, USSR. On 8/10/61, she was in company of Miss RITA HANAN and Mrs. MONIKA KRAMER in Minsk and has made available a picture taken in Central Square, Minsk, Russia, "about 6:00 p.m." Mrs. HYDE believes that the man in the plaid shirt in her photograph as well as in the enlargement from Mrs. KRAMER's picture, resembles LEE HARVEY OSWALD. She recalls speaking in English to two young men "who were definitely Americans." The three ladies departed from Minsk on the following morning.

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DETAILS:

Date 4/13/64

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Marie Hyde

Mrs. MARIE LORETTA HYDE, 401 East Front Street, Port Angeles, Washington, advised that she was a housewife; that her husband was a semiretired Merchant Marine Captain by the name of LORING HYDE. She advised that she was 74 years of age and had been able to do some extensive world-wide traveling.

She advised that she took a trip to Russia, Poland and other countries, leaving Port Angeles, Washington on June 14, 1961, and returning to her residence in November of 1961.

She advised that on or about August 5, 1961, she had become separated from her tourist group and was residing at the National Hotel in Moscow, USSR which faces directly on Red Square. She became acquainted while at the hotel with a Miss RITA NAMAN and a Mrs. MONIKA KRAMER, both of whom were California, USA residents.

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Mrs. HYDE stated that she "invited myself" with certain financial arrangements, to ride "out of Russia" in a small car purchased by Miss NAMAN in London. It was Mrs. HYDE's desire to ride to Warsaw, Poland, with them in order to see the countryside.

Mrs. HYDE, who consulted her notes during the interview, stated that they left Moscow at 4:00 p.m. on the day of the parade in Red Square for Cosmonaut TITOV and that night the three of them arrived in Smolensk at somewhere about 10:00 p.m. She believes that would have been on August 9, 1961. Therefore, on the following morning, August 10, 1961, the three of them drove to Minsk arriving in that city around 5:00 p.m. She recalls very distinctly that the three of them went directly to a hotel (the name is not recalled) and upon arrival they were shown to their rooms. Mrs. HYDE occupied one room while Miss NAMAN and Mrs. KRAMER were in another. She recalled that immediately after arriving in her bedroom she received a telephone call from Miss NAMAN, who stated that she had been called by the hotel manager for an interview. In the telephone conversation, Miss NAMAN stated that an Intourist guide was waiting to take the three of them for a tour of the city.

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by SA GEORGE L. LEWIS/lag Date dictated 4/13/64

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Mrs. HYDE stated that she was quite tired from the long ride of the day and thought it unusual that they should have to leave so immediately for a tour. She recalled meeting Mrs. KRAMER and Miss NAMAN in the lobby of the hotel and being introduced to an Intourist guide whose name she does not recall but who she thought was about 19 years of age, had beautiful blond hair, and spoke English very well. The four of them started a tour of Minsk in Miss NAMAN's car.

Mrs. HYDE said that she thought it was quite unusual and a different procedure on the part of this Intourist guide that they were shown through "depressed areas of the city" and later through a "good section" and finally Central Square where is located the Palace of Culture.

In a reconstruction of the time element, she is quite certain that the time of arrival at Central Square was "about 6:00 p.m." It was her recollection that the reason for stopping and getting out of the car at Central Square was the desire on the part of Mrs. HYDE to take a picture of some part of Minsk. Mrs. HYDE took a picture, she believes, with Mrs. KRAMER's camera showing the Intourist guide at the left, Mrs. KRAMER, the automobile, a young boy, an older man and two young men. Thereafter, Miss NAMAN was given Mrs. HYDE's camera and asked to take a picture which would include Mrs. HYDE with a background of the Palace of Culture and the same individuals in the picture as was taken with Mrs. KRAMER's camera. It was her recollection that the party did not spend any more than 15 minutes at this particular location in Central Square.

Mrs. HYDE looked very intently at the enlargement of the picture taken by Mrs. KRAMER and then also of her own color transparency; and after an intense period of concentration she stated that she was beginning to recall some of the events of that particular time; and in looking at the picture of the young man in the plaid shirt to the right of the automobile, she stated that she thought this man certainly resembled LEE HARVEY OSWALD. She said that she was most surprised at the picture of this man in her own snapshot, that since her return from the trip she had had no opportunity to catalog her pictures and this was the first opportunity that she had had of seeing the pictures since they were taken.

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With regard to the few minutes spent at Central Square, she recalls that the little boy shown in the back of the automobile was the son of the older man and that this information was learned by Mrs. HYDE from the young man in the picture "who was definitely American." She recalled that she had been intrigued with the constant talking of the little boy in Russian and his interest in the automobile and that conversation also took place between Miss NAMAN and the two young men. She stated that she could not recall any conversation with the two young men relative to anything in the United States, that it was commonplace to get into discussions with Americans in foreign countries relative to their residence or the type of trips they were taking for the purpose of finding out points of interest in the foreign countries which should not be missed; but she could not recall any conversation with either the man in the plaid shirt or the other man which would in any way ascertain the residence or location or activity in which he was engaged. She had no specific information in this regard. She was of the opinion that they had undoubtedly asked where the car was bought and to whom the car belonged and that the conversation centered very much around this automobile.

She recalled further that Central Square was very much deserted at this time of the day and was under the impression that it was because of the particular time when people would be in their residences. She did not believe that there was anyone else in the Square at the time and felt that the attraction of the English car would have brought more people into the picture.

Mrs. HYDE stated that she does not recall having seen the man in the plaid shirt prior to the taking of the picture or after. She recalls that the young man did not get into the car to look at the inside or any mechanics of the car.

She is also under the impression that Miss NAMAN may have been very much disturbed as a result of the interview that she had previously undergone with the hotel manager who was very brusque with her and wanted to know why she was in Russia. She also made an observation that Miss NAMAN was younger and at times "rattle brained"; that Mrs. KRAMER was a very stable person.

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She stated that they returned to the hotel and departed from Munich at 9:00 a.m. on August 11, 1961.

She advised that her photograph would be made available for use of the FBI.

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FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA.

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LOS ANGELES DISCONTINUE LEAD TO CONTACT BARRIE MILLMAN RE WHEREABOUTS OF HOMOBONO ALCARAZ ARAGON.

LEGAT, MEXICO CITY, ADVISED APRIL TWENTY-SEVEN NINETEEN SIXTY-FOUR HOMOBONO ALCARAZ ARAGON LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED. ARAGON STATED HE IS ACQUAINTED WITH KESSLER WHO HAS NO CONNECTION WHATSOEVER WITH STEVE KERNAN. HE STATED HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH KESSLER FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION AND NEVER HEARD ANY COMMENTS FROM HIM THAT HE KNEW OR HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH OSWALD. ACCORDING TO ARAGON, KESSLER INDICATED HE WAS TRYING TO LIVE DOWN STIGMA OF EARLIER LEFTIST ACTIVITIES AS HE HAD CHANGED HIS OPINIONS IN THAT RESPECT.

FOR INFORMATION OF OTHER RECIPIENTS, LEGAT, RIO DE JANEIRO, IS BEING SEPARATELY INSTRUCTED TO ARRANGE FOR INTERVIEW OF ARNOLD KESSLER. DALLAS, DETROIT, SAN FRANCISCO AND WFO OFFICES ADVISED BY MAIL.

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RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
105-82555

NOTE:

A confidential source in San Francisco [redacted] advised he met one Arnold in Mexico City 2-24/25-64 who told him he had dined with subject in Mexico City when subject was there in September and October, 1963. Investigation has determined "Arnold" is Arnold Kessler, a former student at University of California at Berkeley, from Detroit, Michigan, who is presently in Brazil. We previously received allegation from student at UC that Mexican student Alcaraz Aragon met subject during subject's trip to Mexico. Aragon denied this but admitted meeting a Steve Kennan who also fits description of Kessler who Aragon suspected may have met subject. This has now been resolved and by separate communication Legat, Rio de Janeiro, is being instructed to arrange for interview of Kessler.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On April 20, 1964, Mr. W. David Slawson of the Commission staff delivered to Mr. James R. Malley FBI Exhibit C-254, which consists of one large green suitcase and one sea bag. Mr. Slawson discussed with Mr. Malley the nature of the investigations which the Commission would like the Bureau to undertake in connection with the suitcase. At this time the Commission has no particular interest in the sea bag.

Evidence previously furnished the Commission by the Federal Bureau of Investigation indicates that Lee Harvey Oswald, when he left New Orleans for Mexico in September 1963, was probably carrying two suitcases. It has since been established that one of these suitcases was probably the small blue zipper bag found among his effects after the assassination and identified by Marina Oswald as his personal suitcase. The large green suitcase previously mentioned may be the second suitcase. Robert Lee Oswald, Lee Harvey Oswald's brother, has stated that he took the green suitcase from the home of Ruth Paine in Irving, Texas about one week after the assassination, believing that it had belonged to his late brother, and that he never mentioned this fact to the Bureau or anyone else because he did not believe it was a material piece of evidence.

A portion of a Continental Trailways baggage ticket is still attached to the suitcase. It also carries torn-off portions of what appear to be the baggage stickers from other times and other buslines. Perhaps one of these items can be used to establish that the suitcase was carried on a bus out of New Orleans towards

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Mexico or, after Lee Harvey Oswald left Mexico, on a bus from Laredo to Dallas, Texas. In addition, Mrs. Ruth Paine may be able to state whether or not she remembers packing this particular suitcase in her station wagon when she and Marina Oswald left New Orleans for Irving, Texas on September 23, 1963, and Mrs. Paine may remember whether or not this particular suitcase was left in the apartment in New Orleans with Lee Harvey Oswald when she and Marina departed. The Commission would appreciate the Bureau carrying on these and whatever other investigations it deems appropriate to establish whether or not this suitcase was used by Lee Harvey Oswald in carrying clothes or other materials from New Orleans to Dallas in September-October 1963.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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 2 - Legat, Mexico City (105-3702) (Enclosures - 6)

From: Director, FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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This relates to two traveling bags believed to have been the property of Lee Harvey Oswald which have been designated Commission Exhibits A1 and C254. These articles are described as follows: A-1 is a cloth zipper bag, blue in color, with black plastic edgings and two plastic handles. This bag has a zipper at the top and on one side. It measures approximately 21 inches long, by 11 inches high, by 8 1/2 inches wide. There are no markings on this bag. Exhibit C254 is a cloth bag, green in color, known as a "Bee 4" bag. It measures approximately 24 inches long, by 18 inches high, by 11 inches wide. A bag of this type is depicted in the current general catalog of the Montgomery Ward Company on page 687 and its color is described as Army Green. Of particular interest in connection with C254 are markings in yellow on one side of the bag. These markings are the date "9/26" and an unreadable mark above the numeral "26" which may be an initial.

In this connection it is to be noted that Oswald entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on the afternoon of 9/26/63 and it was in the early morning hours of that date that he boarded the Continental Trailways bus at Houston en route to Laredo. On the top portion of C254 are two fragments of what appeared to be bus company stickers and a small decal believed to be the trade mark of the bag. The printing on the fragments of the stickers is red in color and it is to be noted that the fragment located above the decal appears to be a form of the Continental Trailways Company. Attached to the handle of C254 is the top portion of a baggage check of the Continental Trailways, Dallas, Texas.

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Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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Enclosed for recipient offices are two color photographs of both sides of C254, one color photograph of one side of A1 and three black and white photographs of portions of the top of C254.

The President's Commission has expressed interest in determining if Oswald, during his trip to Mexico, utilized both bags described herein. Dallas question Marina Oswald and Mrs. Ruth Paine concerning this. Ascertain if Mrs. Paine can recall packing Exhibit C254 in her station wagon when she and Marina left New Orleans for Irving, Texas. Endeavor to ascertain through Mrs. Paine and Marina Oswald whether or not C254 was left in the apartment in New Orleans with Oswald when they departed. Ascertain if they can throw any light on the "9/26" date appearing on one side of C254. Also question Robert Oswald about this. Concerning the fragments of stickers and the baggage check affixed to C254, endeavor to identify the stickers and determine from the form numbers on the baggage check when and, if possible, where such check may have been affixed to the bag.

Houston display to personnel handling baggage at the Continental Trailways station the enclosed photographs to determine if they can throw any light on the significance of the "9/26" marking on the side of C254, and to develop whatever information is available concerning the fragments of the stickers and the portion of the baggage check affixed to C254.

San Antonio endeavor to ascertain through baggage handlers of the Red Arrow Bus Company and through Mexican immigration and customs services if the "9/26" marking on C254 was affixed to the bag at Nuevo Laredo. If so determined, ascertain its significance. Bear in mind the possibility that Oswald may have traveled to Nuevo Laredo with two bags and may have checked one at the bus terminal there, retrieving same on his return. Explore this.

Legat, Mexico City, display photographs of C254 to personnel at the Red Arrow and Transportes del Norte terminals to ascertain if they can shed any light on the "9/26" mark on the bag. Also display photographs of both bags to employees of the Del Comercio Hotel to determine if anyone can recall Oswald having these bags in his possession when at the hotel. If the taxi driver who reportedly took Oswald from the hotel

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on the morning of 10/2/63 can be located, display the photographs to him. In addition, ascertain if the small triangular paper fragment on the top of C254 may be portion of a form of either the Red Arrow or the Del Norte lines.

Recipient offices handle this investigation immediately and submit letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. Houston, San Antonio and Legat, Mexico City, return the enclosed photographs to the Bureau when investigation has been completed. Dallas may retain the enclosed photographs for completion of its file.

NOTE:

Commission expressed interest in Oswald's luggage in 4/22/64 letter.

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ReBulet to Legat, Mexico, dated 3/25/64, with enclosures for Dallas and New York.

NYO file 100-136466 (Bufile 100-430929) captioned "MARY LOUISE CAMACHO aka Mary Roberto Camacho; SM-C", was reviewed and the following is a brief descriptive characterization of subject:

MARY LOUISE CAMACHO nee PATTERSON, born 3/15/43, Chicago, Illinois, is the daughter of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Chairman of the New York State Communist Party (CP) and she is presently residing in the Soviet Union with her husband ROBERTO CAMACHO. Although not known to have been formally made a CP member, it is apparent that the "subject" is accepted as such and is being groomed for Party leadership responsibilities in the future. Her participation in CP sponsored and endorsed Marxist Youth activities; her attendance at and participation in other CP celebration and activities; her attendance at the PATRICE LUMUMBA University in Moscow; her unauthorized travel to Red China and other participation in Communist-type activities, further this conclusion.

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On 4/7/64, B. FRANKLIN STEINER, Chief of USIS, the Embassy, Bern, made available a German language Reuter's press dispatch dated 4/5/64 at Budapest. This dispatch, of which the Bureau is undoubtedly cognizant, reports that at the Congress of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers in Budapest, MARK LANE, an attorney from New York, asked for the creation of an international commission to be entrusted with the investigation of the assassination of President KENNEDY. He hoped that the congress would take the first step in this direction. LANE showed those attending the congress photographs, played tapes and mentioned statements by witnesses, all in an attempt to convince his listeners that the official theory on the assassination of the president is false.

LANE claimed that several persons took part in the deed. This statement was heartily applauded by numerous persons. LANE also stated that one witness was shot, a girl who had been interrogated by the police committed suicide, and the death weapon had been later "officially altered."

Although no discussions concerning the assassination of the president have been engaged by Legat Bern, in accordance with Bureau instructions, interest in the Oswald case among contacts is intense.

It is therefore recommended that the Bureau consider furnishing Legat Bern any information it may possess concerning LANE, noting whether this may be disseminated to any sources who may show interest in this matter.

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Reurlet 4/7/64 captioned "Mark Lane, IS - HU."

There are enclosed three copies of a letterhead memorandum dated 4/16/64 at Washington, D. C., setting forth information on Lane which may be disseminated to your sources in official agencies who show interest in Lane's activities.

Your attention is called to the fact that the International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL) referred to in your letter has been cited as an international communist front organization in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published 12/1/61 by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

Enclosed for the information of the New York and Dallas Offices is one copy each of Legat, Bern, letter 4/7/64 and the letterhead memorandum dated 4/16/64 being furnished Legat, Bern, per his request.

Enclosures 3

- 1 - New York (100-117844) (Enclosures 2)
- 1 - Dallas (Enclosures 2)

- ① - 105-82555 (Oswald)
- 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (route thru for review)

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NOTE:

Legat, Bern, letter 4/7/64 captioned "Mark Lane," reports Lane's call for an international commission to investigate the assassination of President Kennedy; indicates interest of Legat's contacts in the Oswald matter; and requests information on Lane, formerly legal counsel for Marguerite Oswald, which may be given to interested sources. Legats, London, Paris,

DUPLICATE YELLOW

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Letter to Bern
Re: MARK LANE
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and Rome previously furnished letterhead memorandum regarding Lane dated 3/27/64, New York, in Bureau letter to Director, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State, captioned "Mark Lane," dated 4/3/64.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

April 16, 1964

MARK LANE

Mark Lane was born February 24, 1927, at Bronx, New York. He served in the United States Army from May 1, 1945, to November 12, 1946, when he received an honorable discharge. His education record includes attendance at Long Island University, New York City, and Brooklyn Law School, New York City. Although previously married, Lane is now divorced. He resides in New York City and his occupation is an attorney-at-law.

News broadcasts on January 15, 1964, stated that Mark Lane, New York attorney, had been retained by Lee Harvey Oswald's mother to represent Oswald before the committee appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson to investigate the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Press reports of April 1, 1964, state that Mrs. M. Mrs. Marguerite Oswald had dismissed Lane as her legal counsel and in her dismissal had indicated that Lane had done a good job for her.

The "Daily Worker" for May 27, 1953, stated that the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) held an election of officers on May 26, 1953, and that Mark Lane was elected an ex officio member of the Board of Directors of the NLG.

The "Daily Worker" was an east coast communist newspaper which is no longer being published.

In June, 1953, a source whose reliability was unknown but who was in a position to furnish such information advised that Lane's name appeared on the membership list of the New York Chapter of the NLG and that he was a subscriber to the "Lawyers Guild Review," the official publication of the NLG. On May 17, 1961, Lane spoke at a membership meeting of the organization, according to another source.

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A report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) has described the NLG as the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party (CP).

A source reported that Mark Lane was the principal speaker at the annual ceremonies of the Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs (ELF) at the Statue of Liberty on July 25, 1961.

The ELF is recognized by the Communist Party, USA, as an important progressive organization of women. It grew out of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order of the International Workers Order (JFOWI), both of which have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Lane spoke at a meeting of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) on October 21, 1962, in New York City, according to several sources. He strongly supported Cuba and condemned United States policy with regard to Cuba.

The ECLC has been described by the HCUA as operating as a communist front.

Several sources reported that Lane was one of the main speakers at a meeting sponsored by the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (CCDBR) in Chicago, Illinois, on October 21, 1962, and he called for the abolition of the HCUA.

A source has reported that the CCDBR was organized in Chicago, Illinois, on October 26, 1960, through the efforts and with the encouragement of CP officials, one of whom became the executive secretary of the CCDBR. Its avowed purpose is to seek the abolition of the HCUA.

It was also reported that Mark Lane was a speaker at rallies held on April 21, 1961, and December 6, 1961, sponsored by the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAHUAC).

MARK LANE

Lane was reported by several sources to have attended numerous meetings of the NYCAHUAAC between October, 1962, and January, 1963. At a number of them he made speeches in which he strongly urged the abolition of the HCUA. The NYCAHUAAC is an affiliate of the National Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee and both were founded principally by an individual who was a CP member in 1952. Various sources have advised that CP members in the New York City area; have been solicited on various occasions to support the NYCAHUAAC. Three sources have reported that during the Spring of 1962 discussions were held at various closed CP club and committee meetings concerning the support of Mark Lane as a candidate for Congress.

It was reported that a rally was held November 6, 1961, at the McKillan Theater, Columbia University, New York City, to protest the ban by the University against the appearance of several previously scheduled communist speakers. According to the source, Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary of the CP, and Mark Lane were principal speakers at the rally.

"The New York Times" for June 9, 1961, late city edition, on page 31 carried an article concerning the arrest and conviction of Mark Lane on June 8, 1961, at Jackson, Mississippi, as a member of one of two groups of "Freedom Riders" who had been apprehended in that city.

The same newspaper in its edition for April 3, 1962, carried an article on page 4 concerning Mark Lane's having been fined \$415 on April 2, 1962, in New York City as a "scofflaw," for ignoring numerous traffic tickets.

Mark Lane's defense brief for Lee Harvey Oswald appeared on pages 5, 8 and 9 of the December 19, 1963, issue of the "National Guardian," which has been cited by the HCUA as having manifested itself as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.

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Unless otherwise indicated, all of the above information was furnished to the FBI by sources who have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Belmont	✓
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Callahan	✓
Conrad	✓
DeLoach	✓
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Holmes	✓
Gandy	✓

TO : Mr. Conrad *JWE*

DATE: 4/20/64

FROM : R. H. Jevons *RHJ*

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY; 11/22/63
DALLAS, TEXAS

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On 4/20/64, Mr. Melvin Eisenberg, Staff Counsel, the President's Commission, gave SA Robert E. Neill the following items of evidence for Laboratory examination:

- (1) Piece of gummed paper tape *Lee*
- (2) Piece of brown wrapping paper *Oswald*
- (3) Selective Service System Notice of Classification bearing name of A. J. Hidell
- (4) Armed Forces Certificate of Service bearing name of A. J. Hidell

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Mr. Eisenberg requested that items numbered 1 and 2 be compared with the paper bag which Oswald's rifle was allegedly carried in and to ascertain if they are of a common source.

Items numbered 3 and 4 are to be examined to ascertain if forged. Eisenberg requested the results of the forgery examination by Monday, 4/27/64. It was also requested that all items be retained in the Bureau's custody.

Eisenberg further advised that none of these items had been in the Bureau's custody heretofore and stated that the paper and tape were obtained from Ruth Paine, Marina Oswald's landlady and that items 3 and 4 were from the U. S. Secret Service.

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Mr. Eisenberg stated specifically that there was no definite time by which he wanted the results of the tape and paper examinations; however, these examinations will be handled expeditiously. Upon completion of the examinations, the Commission and the Dallas Office will be advised of the results.

ACTION: For information.

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1-Mr. Belmont

1-Mr. Sullivan

1-Mr. Rosen REN:fch (12)

1-Mr. Malley

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ADDENDUM; WDG:mb

With reference to the requested forgery examination of Items 3 and 4 it should be noted this will involve comparison with approximately twenty-four negatives, Item D44, which previous examinations have indicated were used by Oswald in photographically preparing forged credentials. Item D44 is presently in the possession of The Commission and accordingly SA W. D. Griffith contacted Mr. Eisenberg at The Commission 4/20/64 to ascertain if Item D44 is available. Mr. Eisenberg said he is using this item and cannot release it at this time and accordingly we would have to hold up on the requested comparison until these negatives become available.

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- Tolson _____
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TO : Mr. Rosen *[Signature]*

DATE: 4/21/64

FROM : J. R. Malley *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS

Lee Oswald

SAC Shanklin of Dallas telephonically advised today the U. S. Attorney at Dallas had received a book containing a number of depositions taken by the staff of the President's Commission in Dallas. Included were depositions taken from Special Agents Clements and Bookhout. The U. S. Attorney's office had been instructed by the President's Commission to have various individuals read the depositions and sign same.

Special Agents Bookhout and Clements, on reading their depositions, advised Shanklin there were a substantial number of typographical errors in the depositions and they did not want to sign them in view of the number of errors appearing therein.

This matter was discussed with Howard Willens of the President's Commission staff and he advised that there would be no objection to the necessary corrections being made in ink and then the Agents signing the depositions. SAC Shanklin was so advised.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date ²² 4/15/64

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka;
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Case Reference

Mr. J. Gordon Shanklin

Consigned to: Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

12th Floor, 1114 Commerce Street

Dallas, Texas 75202

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-409763)
FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-52919) (C)
SUBJECT: MARK LANE
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OO: New York

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are seven copies of a LHM concerning LANE. Three copies are being sent to the Office of Origin, New York.

The source is [redacted] San Francisco, an informant of the San Francisco PD, who also furnishes information to Bureau Agents and who has requested that his name be kept confidential.

The LHM is classified CONFIDENTIAL because information furnished by informant could reasonably result in identification of a source of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

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San Francisco, California
April 22, 1954

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MARK LAKE

A source advised that New York Attorney MARK LAKE was in the San Francisco area from March 16, 1954, through March 22, 1954, speaking on the topic "The Latest Developments in the Lee Harvey Oswald Case."

The source advised that the following was LAKE's itinerary while in San Francisco:

March 16, 1954 - 1:30 P. M.
Talk at San Jose State College
San Jose, California

March 16, 1954 - 3:30 P. M.
Talk at "The Committee"
622 Broadway Street, San Francisco

March 17, 1954 - 10:45 A. M.
Talk at Oakland City College
Oakland, California

March 18, 1954 - 12 Noon
Speech at San Francisco State College
San Francisco, California

March 19, 1954
Dinner at the Headquarters of the "San Reporter"
San Francisco, California

March 20, 1954 - 8:00 P. M.
American Civil Liberties Union
Palo Alto, California

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PARRY LANE

March 21, 1964 - 12 Noon
Ballroom, University of California
Berkeley, California

March 22, 1964 - 8:00 P. M.
Garfield High School
Berkeley, California

The source advised that LANE usually begins his speech by stating that a Gallup poll ten days after the assassination of President KENNEDY reflected that 52 percent of the American people rejected the FBI version as being an inaccurate version of the President's assassination. He then discusses the concept of instant guilt of a defendant, and states that he did not believe any defendant would have received a fair trial in this case because of the excessive newspaper publicity.

LANE states that he came into the case because he was worrying about the withering away of the presumption of innocence of a defendant, and finally decided to write an article against the substance of the case against OSWALD.

His first step in the defense of OSWALD was to attempt to establish the fact that the atmosphere in Dallas the day before the shooting was extremely hostile toward President KENNEDY. According to LANE, there were posters all over Dallas showing the front and profile of President KENNEDY with the words "Wanted Dead or Alive" beneath the posters. On the day of the assassination there was a full page advertisement in the Dallas papers addressed to President KENNEDY asking him why he was going soft on Communism. LANE implies that the extreme right wing organizations were responsible for both the posters and the ads.

By the use of three primary props or exhibits, LANE discusses the contradictory statements that have been made in the OSWALD case. His three exhibits include the following:

MARK LANE

- (1) Photostats of affidavits of the Dallas Police Department;
- (2) A taped interview with Mrs. HILL, a Dallas school teacher who was standing near the President's car when the shots were fired. She maintained that four to six shots were fired;
- (3) Photographs from "Life" Magazine, "New York Times", "Detroit Free Press", "Newsweek", and police photographs showing OSWALD with a rifle and pistol.

LANE then discusses the 15 assertions of OSWALD's guilt as presented by Dallas District Attorney HENRY WADE. Commenting on these 15 assertions, he states that only one witness saw a man at the window of the bookstore, and that this person could not identify OSWALD. He states that OSWALD's palm prints were not on the rifle; that paraffin tests did not disclose that OSWALD had fired a rifle. He discusses the confusion as to the make of the rifle involved; the revelation of the alias HIDEELL. He discusses OSWALD's presence on the second floor of the bookstore immediately after the shooting. He comments on the entry of the bullets that killed the President; the number of shots fired, and OSWALD's marksmanship. He asks why OSWALD took a bus and taxi to get his jacket, and discusses the discrepancy of the name of the taxi driver. He speaks concerning the shooting of Officer TIPPETT.

In addition, LANE wants an investigation of the people on the overpass at the time of the shooting. He questions the inactivity of Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY. He asks why OSWALD was not watched, and why the Secret Service Chief was not in Dallas at the time of the President's death. He discusses the motive for the assassination, and says he thinks OSWALD's Marxism was not the motive for the killing.

MARK LANE

He concludes by stating that he will continue to raise these questions concerning the OSWALD case no matter what the obstacles or cost involved, and in his speeches he will continue to tell the American people what happened in Dallas.

On March 24, 1964, Mrs. NANCY HALE, Office of Passport Agency, Department of State, 375 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco, California, advised that on March 23, 1964, MARK LANE, 164 West 79th Street, New York City, born February 24, 1927, at New York, applied for a passport for travel to England, France, Hungary, Italy, Denmark and Czechoslovakia.

On March 26, 1964, Mrs. HALE advised that LANE did receive his passport number E 067352. When applying for his passport, he listed that he would be leaving the United States on approximately April 1, 1964, and the purpose of his trip was to attend the Eighth Convention of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers.

The International Association of Democratic Lawyers was cited as an international communist front organization by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950, page 13.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California

April 22, 1954

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title **MARK LAIS**

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**LETTERS AND EXPRESSIONS OF
OPINION AS ABOVE AT
SAN FRANCISCO.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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DATE: 4/23/64

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, WFO (105-37111)(P)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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ReWFOairtel and LHM 4/17/64.

In LHM, page two, paragraph three, line two the year should read 1951, not 1959. Paragraph five on the same page, line three should read, and assisting, not 'and assist.'

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: April 23, 1964

FROM : W. D. Griffith

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
REQUEST OF PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

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At the request of The President's Commission, Special Agent Lyndal L. Shaneyfelt testified before members of the Commission on the morning of April 23, 1964, regarding Laboratory examinations made in this case. He testified from approximately 9:15 A.M. until 10:30 A.M. *Lee Oswald*

SA Shaneyfelt testified on the identification of a negative of one of the photographs of Oswald holding the rifle with a duo lens Imperial Reflex camera recovered during the investigation and reported to be the property of Oswald. He testified that the negative was exposed in Oswald's camera. It should be noted that Marina Oswald has previously testified that she took these two photographs with this camera. SA Shaneyfelt also testified that he had examined the photographs to determine whether or not they were "fake" or composite photographs and stated that he found no evidence that they were composites. It is reported that Oswald, before his death, stated that they were fake photographs and the face was his and had been put on a photograph of the body of some other individual.

Testimony was also given regarding the comparison of the rifle in the photograph of Oswald with the actual rifle and SA Shaneyfelt testified that he compared the rifle with the rifle in the photograph and found them to be the same in all visible characteristics. He found no differences, but found no specific individual characteristics on which to base a positive identification to the exclusion of all other rifles of the same general configuration as to contour of weapon and telescopic sight.

SA Shaneyfelt then testified regarding the reproduction of the photograph of Oswald holding the rifle that appeared on the cover of Life Magazine. He stated that in his opinion this photograph on the cover was the same as the photograph recovered from one of Oswald's residences. However, some retouching had been added to the photograph before making the half tone engraving for the printed picture. He further testified that this is a normal procedure in reproduction of photographs in publications.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information only.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
 - 1 - Mr. Rosen (Malley)
 - 1 - Mr. Sullivan (Lenihan)
- (See Addendum Page 2)

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Memorandum to Mr. Conrad
Re: Assassination of President Kennedy

ADDENDUM: Photographs of the exhibits used at the Commission
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Date: 4/23/64

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AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-8342) (P)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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Rebuairtel to Miami, WFO, and Mobile, dated 4/15/64, in which Miami was instructed to press JOHN V. MARTINO for the identity of his source on OSWALD allegations. *Fla*

On 4/18/64, MARTINO was contacted at Miami Beach, Fla. He claimed that his source was then in Calif. and that he sent an airmail letter to source on 4/17/64, telling him to telephone on receipt of letter for the purpose of soliciting consent of source to FBI interview. *B*

On 4/22/64, MARTINO was recontacted. He said the source is en route by car to Miami, and MARTINO expected him to arrive on 4/24/64. He said he would promptly contact the Miami Office on the arrival of source.

Miami will maintain contact with MARTINO, looking toward interview of his source. Results will be submitted promptly.

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FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-10461) (P)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD aka
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ReBuairtel to Dallas and New Orleans, 3/24/64, enclosing a letter from the President's Commission, dated 3/20/64, requesting investigation concerning early schooling of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

Enclosed herewith are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting investigation at Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas.

Investigation at Dallas, Texas, was conducted by SA's J. HALE MC MENAMIN and RAYMOND J. FOX. Investigation at Fort Worth, Texas, was conducted by SA'S EARLE HALEY and ROBLEY D. MADLAND.

The information contained in the enclosed LHM will be included in the next report submitted under the OSWALD caption case.

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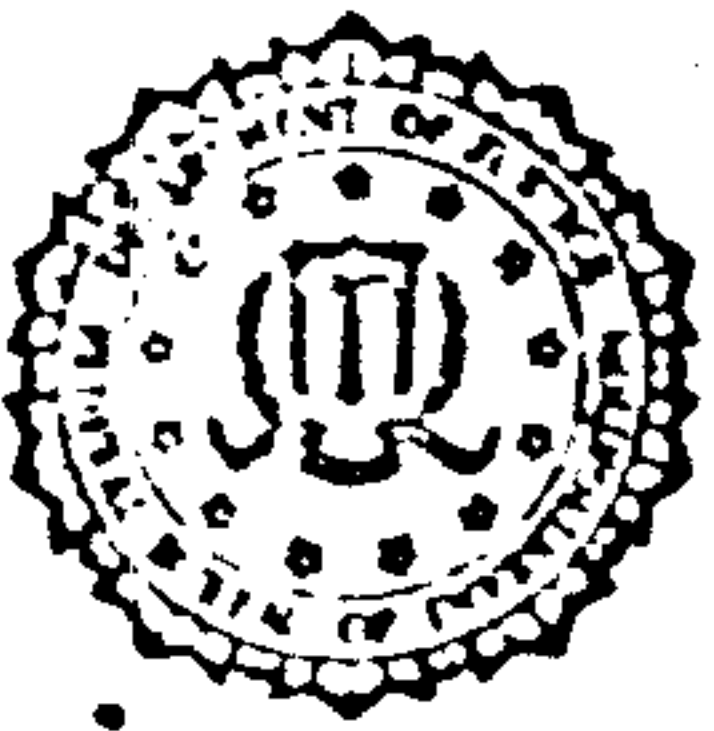
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Dallas, Texas

April 3, 1964

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

By letter dated March 20, 1964, the President's Commission requested that investigation be conducted concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD's possible attendance at a day nursery in Dallas, Texas, during the School Year 1944 - 1945, in an effort to obtain school records and information from individuals who recalled LEE HARVEY OSWALD's personality, interests and abilities.

The President's Commission also advised that ROBERT OSWALD had testified before the President's Commission that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had attended elementary school in Benbrook, Texas, during 1946 and 1947. It was requested that in obtaining information concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD that efforts be made to obtain information concerning his brother, ROBERT LEE OSWALD, JR., and his half brother, JOHN EDWARD PIC.

Mr. ROYDON SCHULTZ, 4726 Victor Street, Dallas, Texas, on March 30, 1964, advised he has resided at this address for approximately forty-five years, and recalls that in 1945 LEE HARVEY OSWALD resided with his mother, brother, and half brother at 4801 Victor Street for a period of one or two years. He stated LEE HARVEY OSWALD, to his recollection, was a young boy of five or six years of age, with whom he became quite familiar, as LEE HARVEY made it a practice to visit his residence on almost a daily basis to play in a sandbox in his back yard. He advised LEE HARVEY generally would come to his house between 6:00 or 7:00 AM in the morning and, on many occasions, would remain in his back yard all day playing in the sandbox and, on occasion, engage in play with other children in the neighborhood.

He advised he is quite certain LEE HARVEY OSWALD attended no school of any type while residing at 4801 Victor Street, as he saw him too frequently about the neighborhood.

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RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

On March 30, 1964, Mr. JACK SCHULTZ, 4726 Victor Street, Dallas, Texas, advised he has resided at this address his entire life and recalls that when he was nine or ten years old LEE HARVEY OSWALD resided near his residence at 4801 Victor Street. He stated that, although he was three or four years older than LEE HARVEY, he recalls him quite well visiting his residence on almost a daily basis to play in his back yard.

He stated to the best of his recollection LEE HARVEY was prone to "run wild" in the neighborhood for a young boy of his age and that, to his knowledge, he attended no school of any type while residing in this neighborhood.

On March 30, 1964, Mrs. JOE FISCHER, Fischer's Day Nursery, 4951 Victor, Dallas, Texas, advised she was formerly employed by Miss Pat's Pre-School in Dallas, having become associated with this institution in 1945 under its owner, Mrs. PAT REED. She stated at the time the school opened in 1945 it was located at the Munger Baptist Church located at 3919 Munger, Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. FISCHER stated she remained at this school until 1948, during which time the school was moved to its present location at 4525 Junius Street, Dallas. She stated that in 1945 there were only two other nursery schools in the neighborhood in addition to Miss PAT's, those being the Minnie and Mickey Mouse Nursery School and the Mother Goose Kindergarten. She stated she is quite certain LEE HARVEY OSWALD did not attend Miss PAT's, as she has a facility for remembering children she has supervised in the past, and his name is in no way familiar to her.

On March 31, 1964, Mrs. LEITHA BRANDON, Owner, Miss Pat's Pre-School, 4525 Junius Street, Dallas, Texas, advised she purchased this school in December, 1949, from Mrs. PAT PLACKARD and has operated it at 4525 Junius Street since that time.

Mrs. BRANDON advised there are no records available prior to 1949 of children attending this pre-school, and she has no information that LEE HARVEY OSWALD ever attended this institution.

RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

On March 31, 1964, Mrs. PAT PLACKARD, Exchange Bank Building, Dallas, Texas, advised she operated a nursery school in Dallas, Texas, from 1945 until December, 1949, under the name of Miss Pat's Pre-School. She advised at the time she opened the school its location was at the Munger Baptist Church, 3919 Munger, Dallas, Texas, and shortly thereafter she moved the school to 4525 Junius, where it currently operates under the name of Miss Pat's Pre-School, although she no longer has any connection with it.

Mrs. PLACKARD advised she has no records available of children attending her pre-school in the past, but that she was very familiar with all of the children and their families who attended her pre-school, and she has no recollection whatsoever of LEE HARVEY OSWALD having attended her pre-school.

Mrs. PLACKARD advised, to her knowledge, the only other schools of this type of operation in this neighborhood in 1945 were the Minnie and Mickey Mouse School, operated by a Miss LOTTIE VANDERPOOL, and the Mother Goose Kindergarten, operated by a Mrs. R. H. CHOWNING.

On March 31, 1964, Mrs. PAULINE CRISWELL, 3926 Worth Street, Dallas, Texas, advised she is the owner of Minnie and Mickey Mouse Nursery School located at this address, having purchased it on January 1, 1964, from Miss LOTTIE VANDERPOOL.

Mrs. CRISWELL advised there are no records available of children formerly attending this school at the time it was operated by Mrs. VANDERPOOL, and she has no information in her possession that LEE HARVEY OSWALD ever attended this nursery school.

On March 31, 1964, Miss LOTTIE VANDERPOOL, 634 North Hill Drive, Dallas, Texas, advised she started the Minnie and Mickey Mouse Nursery School at 3926 Worth Street, Dallas, Texas, in 1942, and operated it herself until she sold it on January 1, 1964. She stated at the time she sold the school she had a number

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of incomplete records in her possession of former children who attended this school, but that at the time she sold the school she destroyed all records except those for the past three years.

She stated she can usually remember the names of all children down through the years who attended her nursery school, and is certain LEE HARVEY OSWALD never attended this nursery school.

On March 31, 1964, Mrs. R. H. CHOWNING, 5327 Junius Street, Dallas, Texas, advised she operated the Mother Goose Kindergarten in Dallas from 1945 to 1958, but that all records kept by her during this period have been destroyed. She stated she operated her school as a morning kindergarten, wherein children would attend for only three hours, and did not conduct her institution as a nursery school.

She stated she is quite certain LEE HARVEY OSWALD never attended this school, as his name is completely unfamiliar to her as a past student.

On March 31, 1964, Mr. ROBERT OSWALD, 1009 Sierra, Denton, Texas, brother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, advised that he recently testified before the President's Commission on the assassination of President KENNEDY, and he does not recall giving any testimony to the effect that LEE HARVEY OSWALD attended a nursery school while their family resided in Dallas, Texas.

OSWALD pointed out, to the best of his recollection, that LEE HARVEY OSWALD did not attend any type of school until the family moved to Fort Worth, Texas, when LEE HARVEY commenced his education in the first grade at Benbrook, Texas, in early 1946.

On March 31, 1964, Mr. A. R. CARTWRIGHT, SR., Box 21006, Superintendent of Water Department at Benbrook, Texas, furnished the following information:

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He recalled that the OSWALD family lived in the house next door to where the Water Department is now located. CARTWRIGHT was not personally acquainted with this family, but recalled that Mrs. OSWALD lived there and had three sons. The youngest son was LEE HARVEY OSWALD and he believed LEE did attend the first grade at Benbrook School.

On March 31, 1964, Mr. R. W. WOOD, Superintendent of Benbrook Elementary School, Benbrook, Texas, 800 Mercedes Street, furnished the following information:

In 1945, 1946 and 1947, the Benbrook Elementary School was under the jurisdiction of Tarrant County. Mr. WOOD advised he did not have any records dating back to 1945-1947. WOOD was not with the school at that time and was not acquainted with LEE HARVEY OSWALD or the OSWALD family.

Mr. WOOD made inquiry among the teachers at the Benbrook Elementary School at this time and none of them was teaching in the school during 1945-1947. Mr. WOOD believed that the school records for that period of time would be in the possession of the County Superintendent of Schools in Fort Worth.

On March 31, 1964, Mr. O. H. STOWE, County Superintendent of Schools, Fort Worth, Texas, furnished the following information from his records:

They have a card reflecting that LEE OSWALD, Route 5, Box 567, Benbrook, Texas, entered the Benbrook Common School at Benbrook, Texas, on October 31, 1945. His age was shown as 6, birth shown as July 9, 1939. (It is noted that this is a different birth date for LEE HARVEY OSWALD.) Mr. STOWE advised that the family probably gave a different birth date, as September 1 of each year is the cut-off date for children to enter school. He had to be six years of age on September 1, 1945, and they probably showed his birth date as July 9, 1939, to qualify for this entrance.

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OSWALD entered in the low first grade; he took five subjects and made all "A's" and "B's" and received an "A" in citizenship. He was present 82 school days and was absent 15 school days. There is nothing on the card reflecting any derogatory information. Parent or guardian was listed as E. A. EKDAHL.

Mr. STOWE checked his records further and determined that Mrs. ELLA RUSSELL was a teacher of the first grade at the Benbrook School at that time. He stated Mrs. RUSSELL is now deceased.

On March 31, 1964, Mr. OTIS R. CARLTON, 104 Mildred Drive, Benbrook, Texas, furnished the following information:

In 1945, 1946 and 1947, he was living on San Saba Street in Benbrook, Texas. At that time, this street was part of Route 5 in Benbrook. He recalled that Mrs. OSWALD and her three sons lived in the house which is now 100 San Saba Street in Benbrook. He believed they lived there for a period of six to eight months. Mrs. OSWALD was the owner of this property.

On one occasion while they were living there, Mrs. OSWALD contacted Mr. CARLTON and asked him to come up and inspect her house and give her an estimate as to what she might be able to sell this property for, as she was planning on leaving Benbrook. Mr. CARLTON told her he was a schoolteacher, not a real estate man, but she insisted on him helping her, and he agreed to go up and look at the property.

He did inspect the property one night and told her that he believed she could sell the house and lot for \$2,750.00. The next night Mrs. OSWALD came to the home of Mr. CARLTON and told him that she was going to accept his offer. Mr. CARLTON asked her what offer she was talking about. She said the offer to buy her house for \$2,750.00. CARLTON told her he had never

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made any such offer and that he merely told her that she might obtain this price when she was ready to sell it. She insisted that he had made her this offer and that she was going to hold him to it and that she wanted him to buy this house. CARLTON, at that time, was buying some rent property and he finally agreed to buy the house for \$2,750.00.

During the next few weeks, he was in and out of the OSWALD home on several occasions. One night he was in the living room of the OSWALD home talking to Mrs. OSWALD about the real estate transaction. LEE OSWALD, the youngest boy, came running through the kitchen door and was chasing JOHN PIC, his older brother. LEE OSWALD had a long butcher knife in his hand and he threw the knife at JOHN PIC but missed him, and it hit the wall. Mrs. OSWALD only made the remark that "they have these little scuffles all the time and don't worry about it."

CARLTON stated that the OSWALD family left Benbrook sometime in 1946 or possibly in 1947. He has not seen or had any dealings with them since then. He did recall that LEE OSWALD attended the first grade at Benbrook School because his daughter was teaching in the school at that time, but was teaching the fifth and sixth grades. His daughter never had any dealings with LEE OSWALD.

CARLTON stated that ROBERT OSWALD and JOHN PIC appeared to be boys of a little more even disposition than LEE OSWALD.



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By letter dated March 20, 1964, the President's Commission requested that investigation be conducted concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD's possible attendance at a day nursery in Dallas, Texas, during the School Year 1944 - 1945, in an effort to obtain school records and information from individuals who recalled LEE HARVEY OSWALD's personality, interests and abilities.

The President's Commission also advised that ROBERT OSWALD had testified before the President's Commission that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had attended elementary school in Benbrook, Texas, during 1946 and 1947. It was requested that in obtaining information concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD that efforts be made to obtain information concerning his brother, ROBERT LEE OSWALD, JR., and his half brother, JOHN EDWARD PIC.

Mr. ROYDON SCHULTZ, 4726 Victor Street, Dallas, Texas, on March 30, 1964, advised he has resided at this address for approximately forty-five years, and recalls that in 1945 LEE HARVEY OSWALD resided with his mother, brother, and half brother at 4801 Victor Street for a period of one or two years. He stated LEE HARVEY OSWALD, to his recollection, was a young boy of five or six years of age, with whom he became quite familiar, as LEE HARVEY made it a practice to visit his residence on almost a daily basis to play in a sandbox in his back yard. He advised LEE HARVEY generally would come to his house between 6:00 or 7:00 AM in the morning and, on many occasions, would remain in his back yard all day playing in the sandbox and, on occasion, engage in play with other children in the neighborhood.

He advised he is quite certain LEE HARVEY OSWALD attended no school of any type while residing at 4801 Victor Street, as he saw him too frequently about the neighborhood.



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